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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Application of Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. ("AHCSI") and Alltel Communications, Inc. ("ACI") and Collectively, ("the Applicants")
Docket No. 2005-399-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing to inform the Public Service Commission ("Commission") that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has consented to the Application filed in the above-referenced docket.

On December 22, 2005, the Applicants filed a Joint Application with the Commission requesting the Commission approve the transfer of ACI's authority to provide local exchange services to AHCSI; grant AHCSI certification to provide resold long distance services in South Carolina; and approve the transfer of local exchange and long distance resale customers from ACI to AHCSI. The Applicants also requested that AHCSI be regulated subject to alternative regulation and flexible regulation.

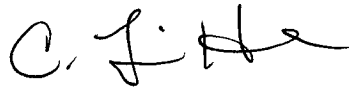
According to the Joint Application, customers will continue to receive their existing telecommunications services at the same rates, terms and conditions and any future changes in rates, terms or conditions of services will be made consistent with the Commission's requirements. The Applicants also state the transfer will be transparent, and the service will be seamless and uninterrupted.

On March 1, 2006, the Applicant's filed verified testimony of Gregg L. Richey and a Motion for Expedited Review.

Pursuant to the Applicant's requests of the Commission, ORS has reviewed all filings in this matter. Furthermore, ORS has requested additional information from the Applicants and has received such requested information. It is ORS's understanding that the new entity will assume the same liability of the existing companies for the ILEC and USF funds.

As a result of ORS's review and consideration, and as indicated by signature below, ORS has determined that, if granted, the requested action of the Applicants will not adversely affect the public interest. Therefore, the Parties agree that, there are no disputed issues in this docket and recommend that the Commission grant the request for expedited review and approve the Joint Application as filed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lessie Hammonds', with a stylized, cursive script.

C. Lessie Hammonds

Cc: Robert D. Coble, Esquire